Increasing the number of doctors

†4058. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of doctors and lakh of nurses would be required in medical profession during the next five years due to increasing health awareness among Government and people;

(b) if so, the efforts being made by Government to meet the shortage of doctors and nurses in medical profession; and

(c) whether any far reaching scheme has formulated to ensure that there would be no shortage of doctors and nurses in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) As per the Report of the National Commission on Population of August 2005 there is a shortage of doctors and an additional estimated 3.25 lakh nurses would be required by 2015 in the country.

In order to expand the facilities of Medical Education and Health related services, under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) the Government has decided to set up six AIIMS like institutions in under served-states and also to upgrade 13 existing Government Medical College/Institutions in ten States. Further, the Government encourages setting up of new medical college in the Government as well as private sector and also in increase in intake capacity of medical students.

Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) all PHC's are envisaged to be strengthened by upgrading single doctor PHC o 2 doctors PHC by posting of AYUSH practitioner and skilled nurses at PHC level. The States are encouraged to appoint doctors, specialists and paramedics on contractual basis. Multi-skill training of doctors and in-service training of ANMs/Nurses is done. The States have been requested to strengthen their nursing cadre. Requirement of funds for establishment / strengthening of nursing and ANM schools, as incorporated in the PIP of some States under NRHM (2006-07) has been approved.

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Strategic frame work has been prepared to meet shortage of nurses in future in the following manner:—

(i) Establishing Auxiliary Nurse Midwifery (ANM) and General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) schools in those districts (230) which are not having both these training programmes.

(ii) Establishing post graduation Nursing (M.Sc., Nursing) Institutions.

(iii) Regional Institute of excellence be established with the objective of improving the standard on all India basis and provide opportunity to access high quality Nursing Education through out the country.

(iv) Developing Cadre of nurse midwifery practitioners and establishing training institutions.

Gene banks for Medicinal plant promotion

†4059. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Madhya Pradesh has forwarded proposals to the Central Government to set up gene bank to facilitate plantation of medicinal plants on private land in various districts;

(b) if so, the present status thereof;

(c) by when they are likely to be cleared; and

(d) the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) In view of reply to (a) above, questions does not arise.

Pneumonia cases in the country

4060. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the largest number of children die of pneumonia in the world are in India;

(b) if so, the number of such cases during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

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